

# CHAPMAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO LEE

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Audience Sings Favorite  
Hymn of General.

**S**UBLIMELY beautiful and deeply impressive was the sermon which the Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., preached last night at the Madison Avenue Church, New York, in connection with the "Great Meeting with Our Friends." More than 5,000 people, the largest number that has gathered in the building since the evangelistic campaign began fourteen days ago, received the message in person. The speaker, who is a deeply impassioned appeal to his hearers to meet with their loved ones around the great white throne of Jesus, the speaker deeply stirred the emotions of all present, and here and there in the house

men in the "Sweet, By and By" was started by Dr. Chapman immediately after he had finished his sermon, and the choir and audience joined in, singing the old familiar hymn softly. The beautiful words and music served to keep alive the emotion that had been aroused by the evangelist.

When the last strains had died away the after service began, and hundreds signified by standing that they expected to meet with their loved ones

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Effort was now a tribute to General

Robert E. Lee and sing "How Firm  
Foundation," said Dr. Chapman.  
When the first stanza had been sung  
by every one in the building he said  
that President Roosevelt wanted all  
the people of the country to erect  
monument to General Lee, but that  
singing the general's favorite hymn

"I want every one to cover his right hand with a handkerchief, as I have covered mine, and when we sing the next stanza to slowly raise the hand-

in the air," said the speaker. Quickly thousands of handkerchief-covered right hands went aloft, and the score was one of more than passing splendor. While the remainder of the hymn was sung the hands were kept raised.

Just before the opening service was concluded, Dr. Chapman read a number of letters asking that he and the audience pray for the husbands, mothers, sons, brothers and other relatives of the writers. He read one letter from

a person who lives about fifty miles from Richmond, and who wrote that she had been reading of the meeting here in the Richmond paper. "Through the paper the effect of your meeting is being felt here, and I believe much more will result," the speaker said.

Dr. Chapman opened his sermon by saying: "I know I have a text that will strike you as peculiar. They said that in the old Roman empire over-  
road led to Rome, and so in this Bib-

every message leads to God. My text is found in Second Samuel, nineteenth chapter and eighteenth verse. 'And there went over a ferryboat to carry over the king's household.'

scribed in this chapter is an old man, really prematurely old, with gray hair, furrowed brow, back bent and head breaking. A battle is raging in the distance. The one opposing the king is dead; the one dead is the king's son. Leaving the throne, from which his so-

had driven him, he cannot ford the river. Suddenly a ferry comes across the river, nearer and nearer, and the king and his household get into it and go to the other shore. There he meets Mephibosheth, the lame son of Saul.

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Alphibosheth speaks of a beautiful thing. Absalom, son of King David, was dead. He had driven his father from the throne and had died in the battle. Yet David cried aloud for his son.

**What Heaven Really Is.**

"This story would remind us of heaven. Some people have an idea that heaven is a beautiful place. They think of its pearly gates, its streets of gold. I don't think of those things. Some people say that it is beautiful because of the angels there."

"There are people in this building who never think of the streets, gates or mansions; they think of their beloved ones there. Yet I think of something even better than that. There shall see His face.

"The story of David is much like that of Jesus. Both suffered much and both told their followers to turn back, for they might come to misfortune by following them. Jesus, on the cross, said: 'Father, forgive them'; and David asked forgiveness for them."

"I would not like you to think that I shall take a half-hour to play upon your feelings. I shall speak of your friends in heaven. You may weep, but God knows I shall not try to bring

"King David went over to the other side. Everything we have comes from the other side. Maybe you are a wealthy man, maybe you are a distinguished man, but it all came from the other side. Yet you must leave

"There are two things that come from the other side that you may take back with you—pardon and forgiveness."